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Docket No.: 53375/1439

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Takayuki Suzuki et al.
SERIAL NO. : 09/909,980
FILED : July 23, 2001
FOR : ENDOSCOPE AND ENDOSCOPIC INSTRUMENT AND METHOD
USING SAME
ART UNIT : 3739
EXAMINER : John Mulcahy

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AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

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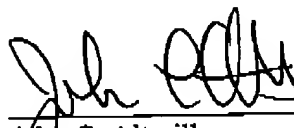
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Applicants confirm the authorization to charge deposit account 11-0600 for a two-month extension of time for the response filed January 3, 2003 in the above-identified application. Applicants have attached a copy of the filed response and a copy of the postcard receipt. The extended response period expired on January 3, 2003.

Authorization to charge the Deposit Account for all fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.117 was provided in the Fee Transmittal when this application was filed on July 23, 2001.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$930.00 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. Should the Office believe that a fee for a three-month extension of time is needed the Commissioner is authorized to charge that fee to deposit account 11-0600.

The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments associated with this request to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A copy is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: February 3, 2003

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